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SUBJECT: SADAT'S PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV

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1. ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE ARE ALSO PERPLEXED AT SADAT'S PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV IN LATEST ISSUE OF OCTOBER MAGAZINE. EGYPTIAN CHARGE SPECULATED TO EMBOFF THAT THIS MAY BE SADAT'S WAY OF SIGNALLING AMERICANS THAT EGYPT IS NOT TOTALLY IN U.S. BAG. BOTH EGYPTIAN CHARGE AND EMBOFF AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT SADAT HAD GONE MUCH TOO FAR WITH SOVIETS TO BRING ABOUT ANY SORT OF PERSONAL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND BREZHNEV REGARDLESS OF FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. SADAT CRITICISM OF PONOMAREV IS NOT NEW AND INDEED
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WAS ONE OF CAUSES OF SOVIET IRRITATION WITH SADAT AFTER HIS EARLIER REMARKS ON PONOMAREV WERE PRINTED IN OCTOBER MAGAZINE. IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW REPEAT OF SADAT'S PERSONAL CRITICISM OF PONOMAREV COULD BEAR ON SOVIET POLICY IN AFRICA.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO KNOWLEDGEABLE SOVIETS

ABOUT SADAT PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV, WE EXPECT THEIR REACTION
WOULD BE THAT IT REPRESENTS JUST ONE MORE QUIXOTIC MOVE
BY MAN WHOM THEY HAVE COME TO DEEPLY DISTRUST IF NOT
ACTUALLY TO HATE BECAUSE OF HIS CONSISTENT AND PUBLIC
ANTI-SOVIET WORDS AND DEEDS. MATLOCK

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